

Home Visiting Program

Virgin Islands

Virgin Islands' Home Visiting Program is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in the Virgin Islands:

- Made 125 home visits to 79 parents and children in 71 families
- Enrolled 79 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 2 counties across the state, or 67% of Virgin Islands counties

The Home Visiting Program in the Virgin Islands:

- Provides cross-system early childhood training
- Has increased family resiliency and self-sufficiency through home visiting network development

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, the Virgin Islands use evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. The Virgin Islands leverage federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the territory:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*St. Croix, St. Thomas



More about Virgin Islands:

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in Virgin Islands](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.